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**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

--A ski binding, in particular for cross-country skiing, ~~comprising~~ having a sliding element ~~(142)~~ displaceable in the running direction, as well as at least two spring-loaded latching pins ~~(101)~~ movable ~~in-transverse~~ transversely to the running direction for latching engagement in corresponding fittings in the tip region of the ski boot. Each ~~(step-in mechanism), wherein each~~ of the two latching pins ~~(101)~~ is carried by a spring-loaded molded part, the molded parts being ~~(109) and the~~ oppositely arranged relative to one another and ~~molded parts (109) are~~ guided in links of the sliding element ~~(142)~~.--